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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

V.

PAUL JOSEPH BENOIT, JR.,

Defendant.

Criminal Action No. 07-97-SLR

## MEMORANDUM OF PLEA AGREEMENT

Pursuant to discussions between the United States of America, by and through its attorney, Colm F. Connolly, United States Attorney for the District of Delaware, and Edmond Falgowski, Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Delaware, and the defendant, Paul Joseph Benoit, Jr., by and through the defendant's attorney, Christopher Koyste, Jr., Esquire, the following agreement is hereby entered into by the respective parties:

1. The defendant shall waive indictment and enter a guilty plea to a one count Information, charging Possession of Child Pornography, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(5)(B) and (b)(2), which carries a maximum penalty of ten years imprisonment, a \$250,000.00 fine, a life term of supervised release, or any or all of the above, and a special assessment of \$100. At sentencing the United States will move to dismiss the Indictment against the defendant.
2. The defendant acknowledges that the elements of the offense are as follows:
  - a. The defendant possessed child pornography, defined as a visual depiction of a minor engaged in an actual or simulated sex act and/or the lascivious exhibition of the genitals or pubic area;
  - b. The defendant knowingly possessed the child pornography, and;

- c. The child pornography had been transported in interstate commerce, or was produced using materials which had been transported in interstate commerce.

3. The defendant agrees to pay the special assessment on the day of sentencing. If the Court orders the payment of any fine as part of the defendant's sentence, the defendant agrees voluntarily to enter the Inmate Financial Responsibility Program through which the Bureau of Prisons will collect a portion of the defendant's prison salary and apply it on the defendant's behalf to the payment of the outstanding debt ordered.

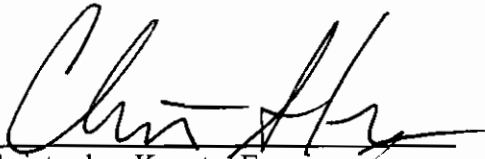
4. Provided that the United States does not subsequently learn of conduct by the defendant inconsistent with acceptance of responsibility, the United States agrees to recommend at sentencing a two-level reduction for acceptance of responsibility under U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(a). If the defendant's offense level is 16 or greater, the United States will move for an additional one point reduction, pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(a) and (b).

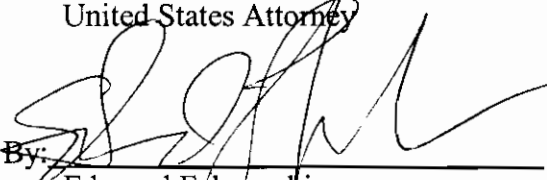
5. The defendant agrees to forfeit to the United States his interest in all computer hardware, software, and storage media taken from the defendant's home by the Delaware State Police on or about April 17, 2007.

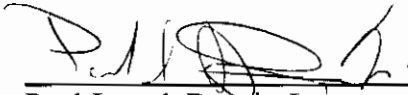
6. The defendant understands that the District Court must consider the United States Sentencing Guidelines and the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. Section 3553(a) in determining an appropriate sentence. At this stage (prior to the preparation of the pre-sentence report), the defendant should expect that the Government will recommend that the Court impose a sentence consistent with the sentencing range set forth by the sentencing guidelines. The defendant understands, however, that the ultimate determination of an appropriate sentence will be up to the sentencing judge. The Court may impose a sentence which exceeds, falls below, or is contained within the sentencing range prescribed by the sentencing guidelines. The defendant expressly acknowledges that if the Court imposes a sentence outside the range set forth in the sentencing guidelines, or otherwise different than the defendant

expected, or contrary to the recommendation of his attorney or the United States, the defendant will not be allowed to withdraw his guilty plea on that basis.

7. It is further agreed by the parties that this Memorandum supersedes all prior promises, representations, and statements of the undersigned parties; that this Memorandum may be modified only in writing signed by all the parties; and that any and all promises, representations and statements made prior to or after this Memorandum are null and void and have no effect whatsoever, unless they comport with the subsequent written modification requirements of this paragraph.

  
Christopher Koyste, Esquire  
Attorney for Defendant

COLM F. CONNOLLY  
United States Attorney  
  
By: Edmond Falgowski  
Assistant United States Attorney

  
Paul Joseph Benoit, Jr.  
Defendant

Dated: 11-5-07

AND NOW this 5th day of November, 2007, the foregoing Memorandum of Plea Agreement is hereby (accepted) (rejected) by this Court.

  
HONORABLE SUE L. ROBINSON  
United States District Court